

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 984

By Swafford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Diane Dorton Brown upon being named Women's History Month honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to recognize those venerable public servants who have dedicated themselves to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Diane Dorton Brown is one such estimable person, and she will be duly honored during Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Moses E. and Agnes Lee Garrison Dorton, Diane Dorton Brown is a graduate of Cumberland County High School (CCHS), and has been elected to the CCHS Hall of Fame as one of its most notable graduates; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown earned both her bachelor's and master's degree at Vanderbilt University; for the past twenty years, she has served as a teacher of English, History, and Economics at CCHS, where she has earned the respect of her colleagues, the staff, and the students alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, possessing great dedication to her chosen profession, Diane Brown is President of the Cumberland County Education Association and was chief negotiator of the first teacher contract with the Board of Education. She has twice been elected Teacher of the Year, has served for ten years as Volunteer Coach of the tennis teams at CCHS, has been the Pronouncer for the Cumberland County Spelling Bee for thirty years, and is co-chairman of the committee to establish a Roane State/Tennessee Tech Cumberland County Campus, which raised \$3.2 million to build the local Higher Education Center; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Diane Brown is Senior Vice President (retired) and member of the Board of Directors of The First National Bank of

Crossville/Union Planters Bank. She is a Girl Scout Leader, member and President of the Art Circle, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and she served multiple terms on the board of the Art Circle Library, the Cumberland County Playhouse, and the Roane State Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown also served on the originating Board of Directors of both the “4 Cs” foundation (“creative connections between children and their communities”), which strives to provide a fine arts experience that builds skills and enhances self esteem, and Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization building simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown’s remarkable success as a public servant and academic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work, common sense, and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, her meritorious professional achievements notwithstanding, Diane Brown is most grateful for the love and support of her husband, Jesse W. “Jay” Brown; daughter, Carol Darling; and two granddaughters, Diana and Rebecca Darling; and

WHEREAS, Diane Brown is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the “Volunteer State”; and

WHEREAS, for her many contributions to her profession and her community and for demonstrating twenty years of singular commitment to the student population at CCHS, Diane Dorton Brown is wholly deserving to be the distinguished honoree during Women’s History Month, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Diane Dorton Brown upon being named Women’s History Month honoree, commend her for her laudable and astute service to the Cumberland County High School community and the good people of Tennessee, honor her myriad accomplishments, and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.